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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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Part B. for July 1891

SUBJECT.

Octroi on tobacco, betel leaves, and Cocoanuts.

1. ~~From~~ the President, City Municipal Commn. No. 123 d/ 3rd June 1890.
   Forwards copies of a communication from the President of the Station Municipality and ~~&~~ 8th resolution passed by the Board regarding octroi on tobacco
2. ~~From~~ the same. No. 152 d/ 18th June 1890.
   Requests remission of Govt share of octroi in favour of the city Municipality.
3. ~~From~~ the T.A. Resident. No. 6078 d/ 11th December 1890.
   Forwards a printed collection of papers re introduction of octroi in the C & M station & enquires whether the Durban agrees to the proposal of the City Municipality that the administration of the lase within the city should be vested in the Board.
4. ~~To~~ the same. No. 11057/530 d/ 11th January 1891.
   Intimates Govt's willingness to allow the City Municipality to levy the same rates of octroi duty as are proposed for the C & M station.

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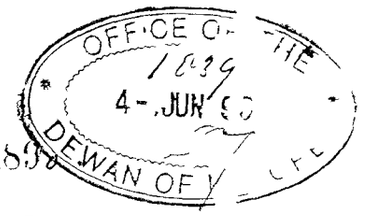

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From The President
City Municipal Commission
Bangalore

To

Dated 3 June/99

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Enclosures No. 4

General No 123
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Forwarding copies of a communication from the President C & M Station Municipality & of the resolution passed by the Board regarding Octroi on tobacco

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No. 123 & Rem. 11.

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,

Bangalore 3d June 1890.

From,

THE ~~VICE~~-PRESIDENT,

CITY MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,

Bangalore.

To,

The Chief Secretary to the
Dewan of Mysore.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith copies of a communication from the President Civil & Military Station Municipality and of the resolution passed by the Board at a meeting held on the 23rd instant in reference to it, for information of Govt., and such orders as may be deemed expedient

I have the honor to be.
Sir
Your most Obedt Servant

Wilkinson
President

Serial No 3

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THE VICE-PRESIDENT,

CITY MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,

BANGALORE

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No 1247 / Enclos. 3

Civil & Military Station
Bangalore.
Municipal office 10th May 1890

From

The President
Mun[l]. Commission
Civil & Military Station
Bangalore.

To

The President
City Municipality
Bangalore

Sir,

I have the honor to forward an Extract from the Proceedings of the Municipal Commission of 10th May 1890 para 1 and to request that you will be so good as to favor me with the views of the City Municipality on the several points therein indicated, and also to furnish me with a statement showing the amount realized under the several items of Excisable articles taxed by the City Municipality during the past year.

2. I shall also feel much obliged if you will furnish me with a statement showing the number of wholesale and retail shops

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dealing in excisable articles in the City Municipality and the license fee levied on each

I have &c.
(Sd) Edw Hewetson
President

Extract from the Proceedings of the Municipal Commissioners for the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore dy 16th May 1890.

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1. Deferred proposition touching the proposed reintroduction of octroi and tobacco and Betel leaves and the abolition of Profession Tax.

Resolved — That the President be authorized to communicate officially with the President of the City Municipality on the points he has mentioned.

1. Whether the City Municipality will adopt the following rates in regard to Tobacco, or an uniform rate of Rs. 3 per maund of 24 lbs on all Tobacco Madras or Mysore grown imported for consumption in the Civil and Military Station or City?

No duty to be levied on grantchies of —

half a pound = 25 cigars

2. Also the rate on all Betel leaves viz 2 pies per bundle of 100 leaves

3. Whether the license fee on Tobacco and Betel leaf shops will be the same as that to be adopted in the Civil & Military Station?

4. Whether the tax on Cocoanuts will be given up should the Station Municipality determine to do so?

5. Whether in the event of the Government of India allowing according to Section 34 of the Municipal Regulations of 1883 the tax on "Town duties" to be introduced into the Civil and Military Station, the City Municipality are willing to revert to the former mode of working under the direction of the Station Municipality?

"True Extract"

(Sd) Edn. Hewetson

President
10/5/90

No 114
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Bangalore
27th May 1890

To

The President Munl. Commrs
Cl Bge Station Bangalore

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Sir,

In reply to your letter no 124 of 10th instant on the subject of Octroi I have the honor to forward for information of the Station Board copy of resolution passed by the City Board at a meeting held on the 23rd instt.

The City Board urges that in view to assimilate the practice of levying Octroi duties in both the Municipalities the duty on cocoanuts should also be introduced in the Civil & Military Station. The Statements as per margin are forwarded as requested in the above

I have &c
(Sd) P. N. Krishnamurthi
President

1 Statement showing the amount realized under the several items of saleable articles levied by the Municipality during the past year.
2 Statement showing the number of shops and retail shops dealing in saleable articles & the license fee levied on each.

"True copies"

President
City Municipal Council

Enclosed No 1 -
Mund. 1/8/1890 K.S. Bangalore City Municipal

Statement showing the amount realized under the
Articles taxed by this Municipality during the fi

Items		Municipal Share of Octroi			Gove Sh Oc
I Tobacco —	From Her Majesty's Territories	6885	6	8	
"	Maha Rajas Dominions	4286	5	3	128
II Betel Leaf	" Her Majesty's Territories	7238	2	8	
"	Maha Rajas Dominions	67	4	2	67
III Fresh Cocoanuts	Her Majesty's Territories	189	8	.	
	Maha Rajas Dominions	2394	9	3	239
IV Dry Cocoanuts	Her Majesty's Territories	7	6	.	
	Maha Rajas Dominions	749	10	9	74
V Storage fees		15	13	.	
VI Rakadari fees		34	6	.	
	Total Rupees	19867	7	9	4

City Municipal Office
28th May 1890

"True Copy"
A Raghavachar
Vice President

Enclosure
Mysore - of 1890-91

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Statement showing the Number of wholesale & Retail Shops dealing in Excisable articles & the license fees levied on Each for 1889-90.

Retail Licenses		Wholesale License		Grand Total		Remarks
No.	Amount	No.	Amount	No.	Amount	
310	182 8 -	30	30 - -	340	212 8 -	1 wholesale 1-0-0 1st class Retail 1-0-0 2d " - " 0-8-0 3d - " - " 0 4-0

City Munl Office
Bangalore
28th May 1890

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A Rughavachar
Vice President

Sd/ A.S Raghavacharlu
Vice President
City Munl Couns

Encl to Sl No. 1.
Minute 1/5 1890-91

Extract from the Proceedings of the City Municipal Commission at a meeting held on 23d May 1890.

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III Letter No 124 dated 10th May 1890 from the President, Municipal Commrs Civil and Military Station, submitting certain proposals in connection with the Octroi for consideration of the City Board.

Resolved that the matter be laid before the Government for orders and that in the opinion of the Board the difference between home grown and British tobacco and beetle leaf be done away with the tax on the former being retained at 3 Rs per maund, and for the latter two pice per bundle of 100 leaves, and that the Government should forego the portion now paid to it as a Sawyer revenue, that the tax on cocoanuts should continue that the administration of the tax within the City Municipality should as heretofore be vested in this Board, and (

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to assimilate the practice in both the Municipalities, the President of the Civil and Military Station be asked to introduce the tax on cocoa-nuts also

for P. N. Krishna Murthi
President
City Municipal Council

"True Extract"

President
City Municipal Council

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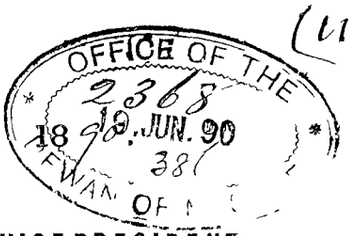

From

THE ~~VICE~~-PRESIDENT,

CITY MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,

BANGALORE.

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE DEWAN OF MYSORE.

Dated 18th

Despatched 19th June 90

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Enclosures No. 1

General No. 152 } 18 —9

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Requesting reciprion of Government share of Octroi in favor of the City Municipality.

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City Municipal Office
Bangalore.
Dated. 18th June 1890.

From

The President.
City Municipal Commissioners
Bangalore

To

The Chief Secretary to the
Government of Mysore.
Bangalore.

Sir,

In continuation of this Office
No 123 1839 dated 3rd May 1890 I have
the honor to enclose for orders of
Government, Copy of Resolution
No I. of the Proceedings of the Municipal
Board held on the 23rd ultimo.

The Civil and Military Station Board
propose to reintroduce the Octroi
in their limits and request the
introduction of uniformity of
Rates on Tobacco &c. A uniform
Rate of 3 ℔s per Maund of Tobacco is
proposed Blue Devil, which would

involve a loss of 8 annas per Pound
on Her Majesty's Servants' Tobacco,
and 4 annas on the Mysore Grown -
the Station Board have no Govern-
-ment Share to pay, whereas the
City Municipality will have to bear
this loss or retain the old Rates,
which would affect Trade in the
City Limits and throw a wide door
open for Smuggling &c. The Munic-
-ipal Commissioners have therefore
unanimously resolved to solicit
Government to Exempt the City
from payment of the Government
Share from the date of introduction
of Octroi into the Cantonment -
As the Concession Solicited affects
but an insignificant part of
Government Revenue and as it
would place both the Boards
on an Equal footing as far as
Octroi goes and save all the Same
time loss of Revenue to the City
Municipality by the proposed
Reduction of Rates on Tobacco &c.

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I would strongly recommend
the remission of the Government
share of the Octroi in favor
of the City Municipality.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant

W. Wilson Mc

President.

City Municipality

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Bangalore City Municipal Board at an ordinary meeting held on the 23d May 1890

I Cash account current &c for the month of April 1890.

Resolution – In connection with the usual monthly accounts which have been circulated and the reading of which has been dispensed with, the Board, at the suggestion of Mr. Inverarity Gough, resolved to request the Government to forego the Govt. share of the Lawyer as to meet the increased demands of this rising Municipality, the present income is by no means sufficient. Accounts to be passed and submitted to Government.

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Sd/ P. N. Krishna Murthy
President

"True Extract"

M M Munro
President

General Serial No. 8478

1890.

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From The Asst to the Resident in Mysore

To

Dated 11 Dec 90

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Enclosures No. 2

General No. 4070

No. 129

To the Commissioner 11057 By 11-1-91

Forwarding a printed Collection of papers regarding the re introduction of an Octroi duty into the Civil & Military Bangalore and requesting whether the Durbar agrees to the proposal of the City Municipality that the administration of the tax within the City limits should remain as heretofore be vested in the Board

I have already stated my views on the reference from the City Municipality which is with the Dewan - send them to him. — There is no objection to the proposals of the Resident & the City Municipality

Sd
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Subs. with papers
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for Chief Secretary to Government
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From

The ASSISTANT to the RESIDENT in MYSORE

To

The Dewan of Mysore

Dated Bangalore, 11th December 1890.

Sir,

I am directed to forward for the information of the Darbar a printed collection of papers regarding the re-introduction of an Octroi duty into the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore.

2. The Resident has approved the proposals of the Station Board and has asked it to submit in consultation with the City Municipality a draft notification for amending the Bangalore Municipal Regulations of 1883, so as to admit the levy legally under them of an Octroi duty.

3. With reference to the resolution of the City Municipality recorded in its Proceedings of the 23rd May 1890, that "the administration "of the tax within the City Municipality sh.

as heretofore be vested in this Board," the Resident is of opinion that it will not be easy to re-establish a system of common collection both for the City and the Civil and Military Station now that it has once been abolished, and he therefore prefers allowing each Municipality to collect the duty at its own borders, there being of course free trade between the two. I am to enquire whether the Darbar agrees to the proposals of the City Municipality contained in their proceedings referred to above.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

L. J. Howard

Asstt. to the Resident.

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THE RESIDENT'S OFFICE.

File No. 12 of 1890.

Re-introduction of Octroi Duties into the Civil and Military Station, and the abolition of the tax upon Arts, Professions, Trades or Callings.

S. No. 1.

No. 608, dated Bangalore, the 9th January 1890.

From—Col. H. M. S. Magrath, President, Municipal Commission, Civil and Military Station, Bangalore.

To—The Assistant to the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore.

I have the honor to submit for such orders as the Resident may deem fit, an extract from the proceedings of the municipal commissioners, dated 21st December 1889, proposing the re-introduction of octroi on tobacco and betel leaves, and the abolition of the tax on arts, professions, trades and callings.

2. Mr. Mervyn Smith, the proposer, having represented that the Government of India has sanctioned the introduction of octroi in the Madras municipality, I have asked for information on the subject, and from the reply received from the President of the Madras municipality, copy enclosed, it will be seen that there is no intention for introducing the octroi, but a bill is under legislation for levying a tobacco tax.

S. No. 2.

Abstract of Proceedings of an ordinary meeting of the Municipal Commissioners for the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore, dated 21st December 1889.

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20. READ—Letter, dated 14th December 1889, from Mr. A. M. Smith, municipal commissioner, proposing that an octroi tax on tobacco and betel leaves be re-introduced in the Civil and Military Station, and the profession tax abolished.

Proposed by Mr. A. M. SMITH.
Bangalore, 20th December 1889.

S. No. 3.

To—.Col. H. M. S. Magrath, President, Municipal Board, Civil and Military Station, Bangalore.

SIR,

In urging the re-introduction of an octroi duty on tobacco and betel leaves, we the undersigned municipal commissioners of the Civil and Military Station would ask the British Resident's consideration of the following points which are chiefly instrumental in deciding us to seek the re-imposition of a duty expressly abolished at the request of the Board.

1. That the Board is in absolute need of funds to carry out the important and much needed sanitary measures recommended by the Sanitary Board in its report to the British Resident dated 5th November 1889. That to build new slaughter houses and erect a contagious disease hospital will cost at least half a lac of rupees. The system of town conservancy believed to be advocated by the Sanitary Board will also entail considerable enhanced annual expenditure. To meet these charges new taxation of some kind will have to be introduced, and we believe that no tax will be more favorably received by the rate-payers than a duty on such luxuries as tobacco and betel leaves; nor will any other means of taxation give the large annual revenue, that this item is estimated, from past experience to give. The gross annual amount received from octroi was Rs. 48,000, but with the modifications here-under recommended, it is believed that Rs. 32,000 nett may be safely set down as the receipts from this item.

2. That the duty be as follows :—

(*a*) A uniform rate of three rupees per maund of 25 lbs., be levied on all tobacco whether from the Mysore province or from British dominions, imported for consumption, within the limits of the Civil and Military Station, provided that no duty be levied on all quantities of one kutcha seer and under.

(*b*) That a duty of 2 pies per hundred betel leaves imported for consumption, be similarly levied.

(*c*) That shops for the sale of tobacco and betel leaves be licensed as heretofore.

3. It will be seen that by allowing a seer of tobacco to be imported free, much of the vexatious searching of persons returning from neighbouring fairs, will be done away with ; it should be noted that this "vexatious search" being one of the principal means urged for the abolition of this tax. Again by equalizing the duty on tobacco, the very great temptation formerly held out to municipal subordinates acting in collusion with importers, and passing in, foreign tobacco as Mysore grown and thus evading the enhanced duty on the former, will be done away with. Further no duty is proposed to be levied on cocoanuts, dry or green, these forming an important article of diet with all classes of the native community, for which reason, we consider, they should be exempt from taxation, when a ready means of taxing luxuries is available.

4. We would point out that the abolition of the octroi duty of 3½ rupees per maund has made no reduction in the price of tobacco in the Civil and Military Station, the price being still six rupees per maund. Before the duty was abolished bazaar men of small means could not import direct, as they were unable to meet the heavy cash payments in the shape of duty, demanded on all tobacco brought into Bangalore. The trade was in the hands of a few wealthy merchants who imported in large quantities and retailed to the small dealers. At present there being no duty to meet, every one deals direct with the growers and there being a larger number of customers, the growers can, and have raised the price, thus it will be seen that instead of the town benefitting by the abolition of the octroi duties, it has in fact sufferred a loss to the extent of half a lac per annum which now finds its way into the pockets of the growers in Trichinopoly and elsewhere.

5. We would also state that this duty is still levied in the pettah without any particular hardship, and that we hear that the Government of India has addressed a circular, very recently to all the Local Governments, pointing out that an octroi duty is a legitimate and ready means of municipal taxation, and recommending its adoption by municipalities where it is not already in force.

For these reasons we ask that the British Resident favorably consider our proposal for the re-introduction of an octroi duty in the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore.

We are &c.

(Signed) A. Mervyn Smith.
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Also that the profession tax be abolished on the introduction of the octroi tax above referred to.

Seconded by Mr. Campbell.

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Seconded by Mr. Hewetson.

Four for the amendment and 6 against it.

Original proposition carried by 6 against 4.

S. No. 4.

No. 670G., dated Madras, the 21st December 1889.

From—Lieut.-Col. G. M. J. Moore, President, Municipal Commission, Madras.

To—The President, Municipal Commission, Civil and Military Station, Bangalore.

With reference to your letter No. 577, dated 19th December 1889, I have the honor to inform you that it is not proposed to impose octroi duties in Madras. A bill for the imposition of a tobacco tax is under legislation.

S. No. 5.

Demi-Official.

Dated Bangalore, the 27th February 1890.

From—L. S. Newmarch Esq., Assistant to the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore.

To—Col. H. M. S. Magrath, President. Municipal Commission C. & M. Station, Bangalore.

„ P. N. Krishna Murti Esq., Deputy Commissioner and President, Town Municipal Commission.

Sir Oliver St. John has asked for information on the following points. Can you kindly let me have it as soon as possible ?

1. What is the present price in the $\frac{\text{Civil and Military Station}}{\text{Pettah}}$ of tobacco such as is used by the lower classes ?

2. What revenue (gross and net) does the pettah municipality derive from the octroi on tobacco, and what has this revenue been for the last 4 years?

(2) For Mr. Krishna Murti only.

3. Does the pettah still keep up the differential rates on Mysore and British grown tobacco ? The Resident understands that these were Rs. 3-8-0 and Rs. 3—4—0 per maund of 23 lbs. Have these rates been adhered to ?

(3) For Mr. Krishna Murti only.

S. No. 6.

MEMO.

Dated Bangalore, the 28th February 1890.

1. Present price of tobacco of ordinary quality is Rs. 5—8—0 on an average per maund of 40 seers (seer=24 tolas) or 24 lbs. Price varies from 7 to 4 Rs.

2. Our octroi revenue consists of receipts under 3 heads as specified below, with amounts realized since date of separation from the Civil and Military Station municipality

Years.	Tobacco.			Betel leaves.			Cocoanuts.			Total.			Cost of establishment.			Net Income.		
1887—88...	10,151	0	7	7,269	15	8	3,765	11	5	21,186	11	8	4,740	9	6	16,446	2	2
1888—89...	9,378	2	1	7,687	3	9	3,437	12	6	20,503	2	4	4,639	9	9	15,863	8	7
1889—90... up to January.	8,080	9	7	6,185	3	10	2,888	15	2	17,154	12	7	3,927	14	8	13,226	13	11

Income and expenditure for the remaining months of February and March remain to be included.

3. Yes. Rs. 3—8—0 on Her Majesty's territories tobacco and Rs. 3—4—0 on Mysore grown tobacco. 2—8—0 of the latter is credited to the municipality while the remaining 12 annas is credited to the State revenues of Mysore Government.

P. N. KRISHNA MURTI
Deputy Commissioner,
Bangalore District.

S. No. 7.

DEMI-OFFICIAL.

Dated Bangalore, the 28th February 1890.

From—Col. H. M. S, Magrath, President, Municipal Commission C. & M. Station, Bangalore.
To—The Assistant to the Resident in Mysore.

The price of tobacco varies from Rs. 1—4—0 to Rs. 5—8—0 a maund. The lower classes prefer and purchase the more expensive kinds, as being stronger and the most palatable, though of course in small quantities, even if it is only a single leaf, costing one pie—"Kuddy poody" or powder made from tobacco stalks, is generally used by villagers, and is said to be sold at 8 and 10 annas per maund.

S. No. 8.

No. 1057—12-90, dated 29th March 1890.

From—L. S. Newmarch Esq., Assistant to the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore
To—The President, Municipal Commission, Civil and Military Station, Bangalore.

I am directed to reply to your No. 608, dated 9th January 1890, proposing to substitute an octroi duty on tobacco and betel leaves for the present tax on trades and professions.

2. The Resident generally approves this proposal, but before passing any orders on the subject desires me to suggest that the Board should come to some agreement with the pettah municipality with a view to the adoption of a uniform system in both, on the basis of the rules proposed, viz., the verification of the duty on Mysore grown and foreign tobacco and the admission of a small quantity of tobacco free of duty.

3. I am also to suggest that you should get and consider the bill for the proposed tax on tobacco in Madras.

Mysore Residency Press, Bangalore.—11-6-90.—100.

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MEMO.

Dated Bangalore, the 28th February 1890.

1. Present price of tobacco of ordinary quality is Rs. 5—8—0 on an average per maund of 40 seers (seer=24 tolas) or 24 lbs. Price varies from 7 to 4 Rs.

2. Our octroi revenue consists of receipts under 3 heads as specified below, with amounts realized since date of separation from the Civil and Military Station municipality

Years.	Tobacco.			Betel leaves.			Cocoanuts.			Total.			Cost of establishment.			Net Income.		
1887—88...	10,151	0	7	7,269	15	8	3,765	11	5	21,186	11	8	4,740	9	6	16,446	2	2
1888—89...	9,378	2	1	7,687	3	9	3,437	12	6	20,503	2	4	4,639	9	9	15,863	8	7
1889—90... up to January.	8,080	9	7	6,185	3	10	2,888	15	2	17,154	12	7	3,927	14	8	13,226	13	11

Income and expenditure for the remaining months of February and March remain to be included.

3. Yes. Rs. 3—8—0 on Her Majesty's territories tobacco and Rs. 3—4—0 on Mysore grown tobacco. 2—8—0 of the latter is credited to the municipality while the remaining 12 annas is credited to the State revenues of Mysore Government.

P. N. KRISHNA MURTI
Deputy Commissioner,
Bangalore District.

S. No. 7.

DEMI-OFFICIAL.

Dated Bangalore, the 28th February 1890.

From—Col. H. M. S, Magrath, President, Municipal Commission C. & M. Station, Bangalore.
To—The Assistant to the Resident in Mysore.

The price of tobacco varies from Rs. 1—4—0 to Rs. 5—8—0 a maund. The lower classes prefer and purchase the more expensive kinds, as being stronger and the most palatable, though of course in small quantities, even if it is only a single leaf, costing one pie—"Kuddy poody" or powder made from tobacco stalks, is generally used by villagers, and is said to be sold at 8 and 10 annas per maund.

S. No. 8.

No. 1057—12-90, dated 29th March 1890.

From—L. S. Newmarch Esq., Assistant to the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore
To—The President, Municipal Commission, Civil and Military Station, Bangalore.

I am directed to reply to your No. 608, dated 9th January 1890, proposing to substitute an octroi duty on tobacco and betel leaves for the present tax on trades and professions.

2. The Resident generally approves this proposal, but before passing any orders on the subject desires me to suggest that the Board should come to some agreement with the pettah municipality with a view to the adoption of a uniform system in both, on the basis of the rules proposed, viz., the verification of the duty on Mysore grown and foreign tobacco and the admission of a small quantity of tobacco free of duty.

3. I am also to suggest that you should get and consider the bill for the proposed tax on tobacco in Madras.

Mysore Residency Press, Bangalore.—11-6-90.—100.

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No. 541, dated 28th October 1890.

From—Colonel H. M. S. Magrath, President, Municipal Commission, Civil & Military Station, Bangalore

To—The Assistant to the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore.

With reference to your letter No. 2850, dated 29th August 1890, communicating the Resident's observations on the subject of introduction of indirect taxation in the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore, I have the honor to submit, for the Resident's favourable consideration, and approval, a copy of Board's Resolution No. 7, dated 25th October 1890, together with the Proceedings of the sub-committee, adopting the proposition for the re-introduction of tax on tobacco, betel leaves, cocoanuts and kerosine oil, and on the introduction of the above, the abolition of tax on arts, professions, trades and callings.

2. Adverting to your letter No. 1057—1290, dated 29th March 1890, I placed myself in communication with the President, city municipality, with a view to the adoption of a uniform system in both municipalities on the basis of the rules, proposed, viz: the unification of the duty on Mysore grown and foreign tobacco, and the admission of a small quantity of tobacco, free of duty, and I have to forward, for the information of the Resident, copy of letter No. 114, dated 27th May 1890, from the vice President, pettah municipality, with its enclosure, agreeing to adopt the same rates of taxes, &c, as is proposed to be levied in the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore, subject to the sanction of the Durbar.

Abstract of Proceedings of the Municipal Commissioners, dated 25th October 1890.

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7. READ.—Proceedings of the sub-committee relating to the re-introduction of town duties on tobacco, betel leaves, and dry and green cocoanuts, and also on kerosine oil.

Resolved.—That the proposition of the sub-committee for the re-introduction of taxation on tobacco, betel leaves, cocoanuts and kerosine oil, be adopted by the Board, and submitted for the Resident's sanction.

Seconded by Mr. Krishnasawmy Moodliar.

Amendment by Mr. R. P. Campbell.—That the Proceedings, and propositions of the sub-committee be referred back to them for answers to the three points alluded to in the Assistant Resident's letter, 29th August 1890, in order to their passing such resolutions as have already been considered at meetings of the Board at and since their meeting of December 1889, and that where the sub-committee differ from such lines, that they give and record their reasons for so doing.

Three for the amendment, 8 against it.

The original proposition is carried.

Proposed by Mr. Krishna Sing.—That on the introduction of town duties on tobacco, betel leaves, and cocoanut, the present profession tax be abolished.

Seconded by Mr. Krishasawmy Moodliar.

Carried by all, except Mr. Annasawmy Moodliar.

(Signed) H. M. S. MAGRATH,
President.

Proceedings of a meeting of the sub-committee elected in Boards resolution No. 7, dated 27th September 1890, held at the Mayo Hall at 12-30. P. M., on Saturday the 11th October 1890, for the purpose of considering and reporting upon the subject of indirect taxation.

PRESIDENT

Colonel H. M. S. Magrath—Present.

Members.

Present,	*Absent.*
1. J. W. Hayes Esq.	J. Cook Esq.
2. H. W. Olleff Esq.	A. M. Smith Esq
3. B. P. Annasawmy Moodliar Esq.	Aga Abdulla Esq.
4. B. Krishna Singh Esq.	M. Venketsawmy Esq.

After some discussion on the subject,

Proposed that town duties on tobacco, betel-leaves and cocoanuts be levied at the following rates :—

Tobacco at 3 Rs. per maund of 24 lbs.

Betel-leaf at 2 pies per 100 leaves.

Green cocoanuts at 5 Rs. per 1,000.

Dry cocoanuts at 8 annas per maund of 24 lbs.

These rates and articles of taxation are similar to those in the city municipality, which will be asked to co-operate with the Station municipality in protecting their respective interests.

Two pounds of tobacco, if brought for personal consumption, being allowed free, and 25 leaves of betel also allowed free.

The establishment for the collection of the above town duties to be entertained on the same lines as under the former octroi, and to be kept within 12 per cent of the total revenue under this head.

The following license fees, to be levied on vendors of tobacco, are recommended :—

Wholesale—Rs. 6 per annum.

1st class retail (selling 50 maunds and upwards)	.. ..	Rs. 5.
2nd class retail (selling below 50 maunds)	.. ..	Rs. 3.

the license includes tobacco and betel-leaves.

Kerosine oil.—From a return procured by Mr. J. W. Hayes, from Mr. Moss, the Traffic Manager of the Madras Railway, it appears, that the average quantity of kerosine oil imported into the Bangalore Station amounted to 50,000 cases containing two five gallon tins each, per annum.

Proposed that two annas per tin, or four annas per case be levied on the kerosine oil, consumed in the Station.

Further that on the introduction of the above town duties, the present professional tax be abolished.

The sub-committee wish to record their opinion, that this further increase of taxation is absolutely necessary for the better up-keep and repair of roads, and for a better system of drainage throughout the Station, the net increase of the revenue expected from the above taxation would be about Rs. 40,000 after abolition of the present profession tax.

As to providing funds for the water supply, the sub-committee have no data to guide them, except sections 197, 198 of the Municipal Regulations which provide for a rate that shall not exceed 2 per cent on the estimated annual value on the houses, and buildings, namely, a sum of about Rs. 14,000.

The sub-committee trust, that considering the present bad state of the roads and drains, the above proposals regarding the indirect taxation may be carried out as early as practicable.

(Signed) H. M. S. MAGRATH
President.

(Signed) J. W. Hayes.
„ Hubert W. Olleff.
„ B. P. Annasawmy Moodliar.
„ B. Krishnasingh.
} Members.

No. 114. dated Bangalore, 27th May 1890.

From—A. S. Raghavachar Esq., vice-President, City Municipal Commission, Bangalore.
To—The President, Municipal Commission, Civil and Military Station, Bangalore.

In reply to your letter No. 124, dated 10th instant on the subject of octroi, I have the honor to forward for information of the Station Board, copy of a resolution passed by the city Board at a meeting held on the 23rd instant.

The city Board urges that in view to assimilate the practice of levying octroi duties in both the municipalities, the duty on cocoanuts should also be introduced in the Civil and Military Station.

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Extract from the Proceedings of the city Municipal Board at an ordinary meeting held on the 23rd May 1890.

III. Letter No. 124, dated 10th May 1890, from the President, Municipal Commission Civil and Military Station, submitting certain proposals in connection with the octroi for consideration of the city Board.

Resolved—That the matter be laid before the Government for orders, and that in the opinion of the Board, the difference between home grown and British tobacco, and betel leaf be done away with, the tax on the former being retained at 3 Rs per maund and for the latter 2 pies per bundle of 100 leaves, and that the Government should forego the portion now paid to it as sayer revenue, that the tax on cocoanuts should continue, and that the administration of the tax within the city municipality should as heretofore be vested in this Board, and to assimilate the practice in both the municipalities, the President of the Civil and Military Station be asked to introduce the tax on cocoanuts also

(Signed) P N KRISHNAMURTI
President

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To The Asst to the Resident
in Mysore

7th January/91

No. 11051/530

Intimating Durbars willingness
to allow the City Municipality
of Bangalore to levy the same
rates of octroi duty as are
proposed for the Station

Municipal

No 11057 / 330 — 19-1-91

To

Asst to the
The Resident in Mysore

Sir

In reply to your letter No. 4028 / 12-90 dd
11 Dec 1890 I am directed
to State that the Durbar are quite willing
to allow the City municipality of
Bangalore to levy the same rate of Octroi
duty as are proposed for the Civil
and Mily Station in the Prov of the
Mysore

Names -

Rs 3. per maund (24 lbs) of Tobacco, whether Mysore grown
or imported from outside the Province

Pies 2 per 100 leaves of Betel leaf

Rs 5 per 1000 Green Co. cocoanuts

~~Rs~~
and Annas 8 per Maund (24 lbs) of Dry Cocoanuts

The Durbar will also Sanction the proposed
duty on Kerosine Oil at 2 annas per tin of
5 Gallons, if both municipalities agree as to
such a levy

The Durban ~~Corp~~ are of the same opinion as the Resident that it would be desirable under present circs to allow the ~~respective~~ two Municipalities ~~to~~ Separately to levy ~~within their own limits~~ the drug at their own borders, on articles consumed within their respective limits. ~~Note that the Durban Corporation~~ ~~objects to the two~~

The City Municipality have been ~~directed~~ instructed in accordance with the letter.

Yours &c

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From The Chief Secretary to the Dewan of Mysore.

To The President of the City Municipal Commissioners Bangalore

Dated 11/15
Despatched January 1891
Received

Enclosures No.

General No. 1105-3
No. 1459.

Intimating that the subject of Authorizing the introduction of horse Buttis is under the consideration of Govt

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SCNo 5
Mem. 14/1890

Read:- Letter from the President of the Bangalore City Municipality dated 3d June 1890, No 123.

Do Do dated 18 June 1890 No 152/21

No 11053/1459 of 11-1-91

Issue

Send Mem to the Secretary for approval as the question raised is important

Order thereon,

The Civil & Military Station Municipality enquire whether in the event of their introducing Excise duties within their Municipality, the City Municipality would abolish the existing duty amounting about Rs 6,500 on Cocoanuts and impose one uniform rate of Rs 3 on Tobacco per maund, instead of the existing rates of Rs 3 1/2 and 3 1/4 on Tobacco imported from His Majesty's

Acknowledge the letter No 11051/530 dt 11th Jany/91 to the Assistant Resident in Mysore on the questions raised in the above

Will be forwarded to the Post Cl. Mem. for information.

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territories & the Mysore
respectively.
Provinces. They also wish to
know whether the City Muni-
cipality would be willing
to revert to the former mode
of working under the direction
of the C & M Station Muni-
cipality viz of receiving from them
one third of the collections
and paying one third of
the cost of the establishment.

2 The Government are
not prepared to abolish the
duty on Coffee but they
will have no objection to
reduce the duty on tobacco
to Rs 3 per lb and to levy
it on all imports
whether from the Mysore Pro-
vince or His Majesty's ter-
ritories, if the C & M Station
Municipality would in-
troduce the rate within

3 – The Govt agree with the Resident in the opinion expressed in Govt Resident's letter No 4078 of the 11th Dec 1890

of the Municipality was expended in C. in Monthly accounts.

their limits

3. The question of transferring the power of collecting the Octroi duty to the C & M. Stations will be considered if that Municipality would guarantee to pay to the City Municipality not less than the average collections of the past 3 Financial years.

24. The Govt: observed that although Sec. 34 of the Municipal Regulation of 1888 authorizes the introduction of Town duties in the Municipality, the Regulation contains no provision in regard to the rates at which the duties are to be charged, nor are the articles upon which the duty is to be collected mentioned in it. The subject of

modifying the Municipal Regulation is now under the Consideration of Govt. and when it is modified, the question of Government foregoing their mode of ~~in lieu of the Cesses which it abolished, or depends here~~ the duty will be considered.

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Secretary

Draft

To,
The President of the
City Munl. Comrs.
Bangalore.

Pencil Note. The subsequent Correspondence with Residency has rendered the alteration as above ~~letter~~ necessary - It may issue at once - and the whole file afterwards
Subs: Mr. Chentsal Rao
11/1/91

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From,

THE ~~VICE~~-PRESIDENT,

MUNL. COMMN. FOR THE CITY OF

BANGALORE

To The Chief Secretary to the Govt of Mysore

Dated

Despatched 19 January 91.

Received

Enclosures No.

No. 664 1891

SUBJECT.

Submitting for orders of the Government the question of the amounts payable to Government out of the duty to be collected on Tobacco from 1st April

Municipal
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21/2/91

Read Letter to the Dewan. for orders, as the question raised is connected with the Income of Provincial Revenue As we do not collect any Import duty, or octroi duty, outside the Municipality excepting on Areca, I think, the whole Revenue go to the Municipalities & the Provincial Govt have no right or interest in the, to claim

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No 664

Office of the City Municl. Co.
Bangalore
Dated 19th February 1891

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From

The President
City Municipal Commrs

To

The Chief Secretary
to the Government
of Mysore.

Sir

With reference to the Proceedings of the Government of Mysore No 11003/1459 dated 11th ultimo, I have the honor to submit for orders the question of the amount payable to Government out of the duty to be collected on Tobacco from the 1st April 1891. The rate levied at present on Home grown tobacco is Rs 3/4 per maund, out of which Rs 2/8 goes to the Municipality and the balance viz: as 12/- to Government as "Sayer". As it has been decided that a rate of Rs 3/- per maund should be levied from the 1st April 1891, I beg to know what proportion of it should be credited to Government in this connection. I would again urge upon the consideration of Government

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the desirability of their foregoing
their share of the Octroi revenue
in favor of the Municipality.
If this cannot be done, I would
request that the amount of "Sayer
may be reduced in proportion
to the tobacco duty now received

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obt. servant

Wm. Hamilton Merritt
for President

FC No. 7
Misl 1 of 1890

(General No. 30)

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From

Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore

To

The Asst Bangalore
city mtgs

Dated 6th
Despatched 9th May 1891
Received

Enclosures No.

General No. 1360.
Dept. No. 125

Requesting to inform
whether or not the new
rates on Tobacco have
been introduced into the
Municipality of Kaira
in Gujarat and therefore
into the City Municipality.

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To The President
of the Bangalore
City Municipality

No. 1360.
L. 125

Sir,

With reference to your letter
No. 6642/19 dated last
I am directed to request
that you will be good
enough to report whether
or not the new rates have
been actually introduced
into the Municipality of the
C & M stations and there-
-fore into the City Muni-
-cipality also. Till such
introduction I am to add
the question raised in
your letter under reply
is considered premature.

2. You state that the
rate levied on house pro-
perty is #3-4 per annum.
I am to request that you
will be good enough to
cite the order prescribing
this rate. I have etc

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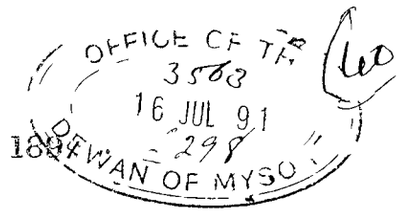

From,

THE ~~VICE~~ PRESIDENT,

MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER FOR THE CITY

BANGALORE.

To,

The Chief Secretary
to the Government of Mysore

Dated

Despatched 16th July '91

Received

Enclosures No. 1

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SUBJECT.

Reporting regarding the
order prescribing the
sale of Rs 3/4 per maund
on Home grown Tobacco.

Copy of Board's
16/7/91

Part No 1506
Order No 6153-5 d/15th July
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OFFICE OF THE CITY MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,

No. 418 / C. 1 BANGALORE, dated 10/14 July 1891.

From

THE ~~VICE~~-PRESIDENT,

CITY MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,

BANGALORE.

To The Chief Secretary
to the Government of Mysore
Bangalore.

SIR,

In reply to your letter No 1360 d/25 dated 6th May last, I have the honor to state that the new Octroi Rates have not as yet been introduced into the Municipality of the Civil and Military station, but the President of that Municipality has just intimated that the Government of India has no objection to the levy of Octroi.

The administration of Octroi both in the City and Cantonment was formerly, under the President of the Civil and Military Station. That Officer was asked to kindly furnish the information about the order prescribing the Rate of Rs 2/4/- on Home-grown tobacco, required in para 2 of your letter under reply.

Copy of his reply I beg to enclose for your information.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obt Servant

[signature]
President